

REMARKS


Applicant has amended the claims contained in the PCT International Application in accordance with Article 34 amendments made during the International stage. As such, the claims conform to those claims that are the subject of the International Preliminary Report on Patentability, a copy of which is attached.

If there are any questions regarding this Preliminary Amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket # 029267.56376US).

Respectfully submitted,

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